



Covid Guidelines & Procedures: Worship Service Gatherings **NOT USED AT THIS TIME**

Gathering is an essential part of our faith life. Without it, we may be left feeling disconnected from the community of faith that grounds us. As we continue to find our way through the Covid-19 Pandemic, First Lutheran Church leadership and staff are seeking to find ways to safely gather in-person in order to worship, learn, and serve together. The following are our most current policies and procedures regarding worship:

Regular Worship - Pilot Project to Begin October 4, 2020

- 8:30am Sundays (In-person and Livestream), 6:15 Wednesdays (Livestream)
- Doors will open at **8:00am** for seating and close at **8:20am**
- Number of people allowed in sanctuary - 100
- Because we will be limiting attendance to 100 seats per service each Sunday, you will be required to RSVP prior to your attendance in person. Reservations will open at noon on Mondays for the following weekend. You can reserve by going to our website firstlutheranalexandria.com or by calling the church office at 320.762.2196.
- Socially distanced format in sanctuary.
- No gathering, coffee, or fellowship.
- No congregational singing.
- On communion Sundays prepackaged communion elements will be picked up from the table as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Locked offering boxes (stanchions) will be placed by the entrances to the sanctuary.
- Please use discretion when attending in-person activities after having travelled out of the area.
- Procedures to follow when entering and exiting the building/sanctuary:
 - Sign in
 - Temperature checks

- Masking required
- Ushers will take you to your seat. The ushers will fill the Sanctuary from the front to the back and dismiss from the back to the front. The ushers will dismiss you after worship.
- We request that you exit the building immediately following worship as you are dismissed.
- Pastors and staff will maintain strict boundaries before, during, and after service.

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**In this changing context, our congregation remains adaptable. Plans and procedures are subject to change in light of state, CDC guidelines and at the discretion of First Lutheran's leadership.*